



# DECLARATION

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DECLARE THAT:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor or discoverer of the subject matter entitled Gel Compositions described and claimed in the specification filed herewith/U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/ 853,552 (insert when known), filed May 11, 2001.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

First foreign application, priority of which is claimed:

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(Application Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status - patented, pending, abandoned)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national PCT international filing date of this application.

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All statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DUTY TO DISCLOSE TO THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ALL INFORMATION KNOWN TO US TO BE MATERIAL TO PATENTABILITY AS DEFINED IN 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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